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Judith A. Monroe, M.D. State Health Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Local Health Officers

FROM:

Judy Monroe, MD

State Health Commissioner

DATE:

June 30, 2009

RE:

UPDATE: Expiring Tamiflu ® Suspension

On May 14, 2009, the Indiana State Department of Health authorized the dispensing of Tamiflu suspension received by the State from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). The authorization was limited to Tamiflus suspension expiring in June 2009. Recall that not every local health department received the Tamiflus suspension. Only 71 of the most populous Indiana jurisdictions received it as part of their SNS shipment. Those local health departments received only 1 case each.

This memorandum serves as an update regarding the directions for disposition of any Tamiflu® suspension remaining at the local level.

Before the distribution of antiviral drugs in response to the H1N1 outbreak, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's Division of Strategic National Stockpile (DSNS) had submitted the Tamiflu® for oral suspension product to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for testing as part of the FDA/DOD Shelf Life Extension Program (SLEP). DSNS was notified earlier this month that the lots submitted for testing (B1184, B1185, and B1186) have been extended. The DSNS is encouraging states and localities to maintain and monitor this product under labeled storage conditions while CDC continues to work with the FDA to determine the requirements necessary in order to dispense this product based on its extended expiration date.

The CDC is working on a solution with the FDA. <u>Until further guidance is received, DO NOT dispense the expired product and DO NOT dispose of the expired product.</u>